

10/13/2022

Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee 17 October 2022 Agenda

***Approval of the September 19, 2022 Minutes** (*Attachment 1*)

***Comments from Residents** (*Please limit in-person comments to 3 minutes*)

***Correspondence**

- 130 Beach comments about various planting questions (Attachment 2)
- 1505 Stoneybrook, follow up to request not to replace protected trees (Attachment 3)
- 1311 Franklin regarding permit denial (Attachment 4)
- ___ Carroll regarding removal of large, healthy tree (Attachments 5, 5a, 5b)

***Old Business**

Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation *Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues*

- Requests for tree inspection, pruning, or removals (Attachments 6, 6 a 1-4, 6 b)

Public and Private Tree Removals, Applications, Violations

- List of VOM tree removals (Attachment 7)
- List of VOM tree permit applications (Attachment 8)

Tree Law Update

Fall Planting

- Total 280 sites tentatively identified (bare root & B&B), approximately 40 declined, half relocated so far
- Manager's staff sent letters to all property owners **(THANK YOU!)**
- Fennimore @ Prospect will have pollinator gardens in both new bump outs, a small tree on the SW side. Tree must be small because of overhead wires.

***New Business**

- Committee for the Environment Pollinator Garden community clean-up Saturday, October 22 (Attachment 9)
- New Dog Park Considerations (Attachment 10)

***Other Business** (*committee members please add any items not otherwise included in the agenda*)

- "My Favorite Tree and Why" project idea

***Calendar Notes**

- Tuesday, October 18, 9-12:30 webinar, "What's Bugging Our Forests" register at

<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUf-yppjksEtQ7cqTrVmx8cLe5ijC17AaU>

- Tree Walk Sunday, October 30, 1:00 pm Orienta @ Bleeker & Orienta, rain date Sunday Nov 13 (Attachment 11)
- Citizen Pruners Workshop Saturday, November 5, 1:00 pm Florence Park @ Park entrance, rain date Sunday, November 6, 1:00 pm
- November/December meeting Monday December 19, 7:30 pm

9/19/2022

Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee
19 September 2022 DRAFT MINUTES

***Approval of the August 11, 2022 Minutes** (*Attachment 1*)

7:41 Review of last months minutes

Prior minutes approved as amended

Welcome Krishna Finkenberg, resignation of Matt

No public comments

***Committee Members**

Welcome to new committee member Krishna Finkenberg

Resignation of Matt Tollefsen

***Comments from Residents** (*Please limit in-person comments to 3 minutes*)

***Correspondence**

820 Pirates' Cove Regarding Replanting Requirement (*Attachment 2*)

Has permit, requesting pass not to plant. Re-occurring issue, does this result in a violation? Jerry to negotiate.

130 Beach Regarding Tree Nursery (*Attachment 3*)

Defer to Gayle when she returns.

127 Highview Street (neighbor) (*Attachment 4*)

Dennis Drogan (Asst Bldg Inspector) protected, greater than 8 inches, cleared vegetation Dennis wrote a violation

Any more removals would require a permit. Email was sent to resident who called in. Lot is rented, owner passed away. Village to remove hazardous tree. Site looks active for building dept.

***Old Business**

Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation *Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues*

Mulch mounds, continuing problems

Landscapers don't know any better (*Attachment 5*)

Requested Jeff to move it, mounds were still existing, mulch should be away from root flare. Drove by yesterday and it's still there.

Requests for tree removals (*Attachments 6, 6A, 6B*)

James in DPW requesting a consolidated list of trees that should come down around the village. Street number (closest to tree), tree issue/ comment. Photograph of tree.

900 Halstead Order To Remove (*Attachment 7*)

Public and Private Tree Removals, Applications, Violations

- Cumulative list of VOM tree removals (*Attachment 8*)

Review of list, reference of where to plant new trees. Private property tree property removal signs to eliminate concern if a tree is approved for removal/ permits posted.

- VOM list of tree removal permits (Attachment 9)

Tree Law

- 1) *Provides framework for Planning Board to work with developers. Sometimes a tree is not possible for it to grow on new developments. Proposed tree bank to pay into for use of Planning Board, if generally available will defeat canopy concept of village infrastructure.*
 - 2) *Trustee request, if a tree falls down in a wind storm, not an individual's fault. Documentation is required to show up root. As law is written, a retroactive permit is needed, in this situation. Photo documentation is satisfactory and a permit is not needed in this instance. Revised law was sent for same day approval, incorrectly. Village attorney did not accurately reflect and this will be taken up again in October.*
- Permits to be posted by property owners?
 - Proposed revisions by BOT (Attachment 10)
 - Question about tree permits and BAR approval (Attachment 11)
Board of Architectural review approvals are not a permit. Applications do not clearly show if trees need to be removed. Does the building permit address if there will be tree removal. This should fall under the Building Inspector domaine, is that procedure occurring right now. How is this implemented?

Maintenance Pruning Plan

New budget! Budget for pruning this year for healthy, safe trees. Trustees added this new budget line. Jerry and James Barney are managing this.

- Palmer Terrace @ Palmer pruning request (Attachment 12)
- 322 Prospect Pruning request (Attachments 13, 13A, 13B, 13C)
Photos of tree submitted, need to prune right angle branches

Fall Planting

First draft for new locations. Lots of new locations with bare root are possible on Frank, Wagner, Prospect, others. Places that haven't had trees. Reduced cost for the smaller trees, 30K budget and 300 trees (excludes labor). Double the budget now. If VOM plants the trees, labor is free. 300 trees may be too many for VOM and labor may be outsourced. 30 ball and burlap, 270 bare root.

Campaign for new trees, press release to the Patch etc.

- List in process

Metro north evergreen screen, Bishop North, B&B flowering trees to provide immediate canopy.

- Both B&B and bare root
- VOM will contact property owners before planting in ROW

Letters to go out for approvals so residents can decline now.

Goal to plant end of November early December (after VOM leaf season) best tree planting time is when they are dormant, prefreeze.

Book Discussion Update

“The Hidden Life of Trees”

Thursday night discussion, women offered to plant the trees Commission for the Environment. Satus of CFTE grant request for pollinators near the waterway. Emailed Ellen, grant was declined. Potential to collaborate extra funding to this project!

10-12 Zoom for book discussion, lively discussion. How they live, how they relate to each other and what they need in an accessible format.

***New Business**

Maintenance Pruning

Redundant

Tree Walk – tentatively October 30, rain date November 6

Guided tree walk

Citizen Pruners Workshop – schedule date (Fall)

George Proufous will lead the workshop, late October or early November

@ Harbor Island Park with George/NYState Forester 11/5

***Other Business** (*committee members please add any items not otherwise included in the agenda*)

- Reschedule November meeting

Combined Nov/Dec meeting for Monday, December 19th 7:30PM

***Calendar Notes**

- Tree Walk tentatively October 30
- Citizen Pruners Workshop TBA
- November meeting TBA

Attachment 2
130 Beach comments about various planting questions

Dear Chairs and Members of the Tree Committee,

I am writing with comments on your July 28th minutes.

Tree Nursery - While there are certainly pro and con arguments for all proposed sites I don't believe the reasons given for dismissing Taylors Lane and HIP are valid ones.

- Taylors Lane - Please check with you liaison but I believe that in the near future this property will be declared to NOT be "toxic" and suitable for almost any use unless the "cap" is compromised which the planned tree nursery wouldn't do.
- Harbor Island Park - First, as described, trees will be grown in containers, not in native soils, so any left over soil salinity should not be an issue. Second, even if the area was flooded, flushing the containers with fresh water would mitigate any potential damage, please see this article from [NYBG](#) that explains how to mitigate the effects of salinity from coastal flooding on plants. The biggest takeaway from the article is that the effects of a single inundation of salt water are transitory and I believe it has been years since the Park was inundated.
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HIP Dead Evergreen - It doubtful the tree failed because of salt, for the reasons explained above. More likely it failed because of poor handling post delivery (the root ball was damaged) and lack of care through a long hot summer post planting. Large trees are more difficult to establish than small trees. Below is a photo of the Christmas tree purchased the year before. As a denizen of the nearby park bench told me when I was taking the photo, "Cut it down, put it out of it's misery." The Village paid \$1500 dollars for the tree below, likely close to the same for the one cut down, in addition to the costs to plant them. Please consider advising the BOT that the Village should return to purchasing cut trees for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.



Cornell Structural Soil (CSS) -

Use of CSS to mitigate sidewalk heaving when planting trees is not a reasonable approach. Please see below an email from George Profous to the Tree Committee eight years ago when the Village was considering using CSS when replanting a number of trees on Mamaroneck Avenue. In addition to it not working as Mr. Profous point out, it is hugely

expensive compared to tradition methods of sidewalk construction due to both material costs and installation requirements.

"I did come down and meet Rich at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, March 18, and he walked me over to the trees. Off hand, there isn't much that can be done for the ones that are heaving the sidewalk already. Perhaps, some of the trees that are not heaving the sidewalk could have larger growing spaces created using permeable paving and structural soil to keep the heaving from happening in the future by encouraging deeper root development through adequate moisture reaching deeper into the soil. I also see that there are no storm drains to channel overflow water that might accumulate in any more complex trees pits, again complicating a "bigger solution." Another point to consider is that large trees like the elms will have structural/buttress roots that need a place to go when they get to this size. This requires growing pits at least double the size. **The only solution for avoiding this is to plant different species that are much smaller at maturity.** It is my intent to forward a report to several people (Nina BassukCornell, etc. i will see her next week at a presentation and I hope to interest her) and see if they have suggestions, either what options or who they would recommend to design a solution, if possible, to the situation. It would be a shame if every 10 years or so the trees had to be cut down - and hopefully replaced! I also invite anyone (please!) to disagree with my assessment! It seems that what is complicated the issue is the prohibition in applying street grates surface area to walkable surface in situations where a cafe wishes to set up chairs and tables on the sidewalk. There is a minimum width of 4 feet of paved "accessible" surface required, especially where federal CDBG money has been expended. One option would be to raise the entire sidewalk and have the cement "fly over" the roots, but this is an expensive proposition, and might not be possible due to the slope of the sidewalk and the need to meet the grade of shop entrances. The best way to deal with these design issues is at the time the trees are going in, both in growing space and species choice. Right now, there are two options...1)enlarge the planter space to make room for the roots on the heaving ones. and 2) enlarge the planting space in different ways based on what the village dtandards are and place structural soil under the pavements before they start to heave. Sylva cells are a definite possibility here, but even more expensive. I hope to interest a top level speaker to come to Mamaroneck on the topic for a workshop in the near future. Unfortunately, I have not heard back from my boss, Mary Kramarchyk about funding and most speakers need to live! Thanks. Talk to you soon, George Profous Senior Forester 845-256-3082"

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

Attachment 3

1505 Stoneybrook follow up to request not to replace protected trees

It has now been 86 days since (application date 7/1/2022) since we submitted an application for a tree removal permit for removal of a dangerous tree on our property at 1505 Stoneybrook Ave.

Attachment 4
1311 Franklin regarding permit denial

Hello all,

I just want to reach out and say how insane that is that we cannot get approval on application to remove the tree!

Because of personal beliefs, rudeness and lack of understanding in a situation where the tree is not completely healthy and that tree cannot be removed, it's truly puzzling to me!

I live in this town, I own properties in this town and I pay taxes.

See attached photographs, We will build the driveway according to your requirements, the orange lines indicate position of the driveway but I cannot even begin to understand how mindless it looks not on my part, but it's a reflection of the Village of Mamaroneck.

In a driveway construction process the roots of the tree will be disturbed (even if we try to avoid laying the driveway as indicated), what if the tree falls on the house? Or neighboring property, who is responsible then?

Best,

Kathy Wroblewski

Kathy.Wroblewski5@gmail.com

917-304-7507









Attachment 5
Removal of Large, Healthy Trees

Hi Gail,

I get some residents are saddened, but I'm not sure why he call for help. That is what we doing.

On Sept 8, 2022 I informed the Tree Com that this tree and one on Melbourne needed to be removed. It was at 9:49 am. Nothing we do is arbitrary.

Additionally, all lindens on Carroll will eventually be removed because as my best friend wrote a few years ago:

"in the past I have argued that almost every mature Linden on Carrol should be considered for removal. They were planted to close together originally, grew extremely tall, are past maturity and have limited root zones. In 2006 the winds came from the wrong direction and a huge amount came down, uprooted at their base, a number of them damaging houses. Con Ed is responsible for the removing trees under their lines to below their primaries, essentially only leaving sticks to be removed"

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

I appreciate Jeff's suggestions. If the Tree Com wants to develop a stump policy, we can discuss it but large dangerous trees that present a current or future hazard will continue to be evacuated and removed. As always I'm willing to provide expertise.

Recently, the BOT has communicated to me that I should delegate more so I believe we should hire, very soon, a full time arborist in the near future that I can delegate tree related items. They would work on DPW full time. Sound good?

Jerry Barberio
Village Manager
Village of Mamaroneck

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Hi Jerry,

Here's some more documentation and comments by VOM resident, Jeffrey Langus.

Gail
From: Jeffrey Langus <jefflangus@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 10:17 AM

To: Koller, Gail <GKoller@vomny.net>
Subject: Re: Saddened by this mess - please help?

Thanks Gail. Here's a photo of the utility lines where the tree was touching them. Note the yellow plastic sleeves they placed at least a month before cutting it down. There are at least 10 other trees of this size on our street. When I move here 8 years ago there were at least 20. Each time they cut down the old ones, they:

- 1) do no repair to the sidewalk and curbs
- 2) leave it to the residents to request removal of the stump, often talking months to do so
- 3) leave it to the residents to request a replacement tree, often taking months to do so
- 4) if they plant a tree it is a non-native, little dinky dwarf thing that does not produce any shade and is purposely selected to be stunted and to never grow as tall as the utility lines
- 5) if they plant a tree it is one tree for every 2 chopped down - to again protect the almighty utility lines
- 6) if they do not plant a tree but do remove the stump, then they do not fill the resulting giant hole with soil- instead they leave a giant hole for adults, children, elderly and pets to fall into and be injured. (Remember these are 100 year old trees and the residual hole is about 2 feet deep and 4 feet in diameter).

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On Fri, Oct 14, 2022 at 8:26 AM Koller, Gail <GKoller@vomny.net> wrote:
Hi Jeff,

This breaks my heart. I have no idea who removed the tree, but I will find out and get back to you.

L'shanah to tova to you and your beautiful family,
Sent from Gmail Mobile
Koller, Gail
Hi Jerry,

This is very sad. Did ConEd remove this tree? Was the VOM given advance notice? Why couldn't the tree be pruned back instead of removed?

Gail

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From: Jeffrey Langus <jefflangus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Koller, Gail <gkoller@vomny.net>
Cc: Kimberly Langus <kimberlyslangus@gmail.com>
Subject: Saddened by this mess - please help?

Hi Gail, L'shanah tovah to you and your family. Hope you all are well.

Writing to request your help please.

Unfortunately, we have experienced yet another arbitrary tree cutting using the logic that the tree is too close to the electric lines.

Perfectly healthy 100 year old tree. Took them at least 4 hours to bring it down.

That show is a men's size 11, so the trunk was about 4 feet in diameter. No signs of any health issues or insect infestation. And to boot, just last month the power company placed protective yellow plastic sleeves on the lines where the tree was leaning against them.

The neighbors I spoke to had no issue with the tree. One 85 year old lady whose house is directly in front of the tree has lived here for over 25 years and said she had another one fall on her car during sandy and totaled her car. But she does not believe in cutting down healthy trees - the village should be keeping them healthy not arbitrarily chopping them.

Using this logic we can chop down all of Carroll Ave without discretion. We are losing our history and Rubin if our environment with these nonsensical actions.

Anything we can do to designate protection for all those that remain?

Jeff Langus
917-494-7875
Jefflangus@gmail.com

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Sent from Gmail Mobile



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Attachment 6

Tree Committee Requests for Evaluation, Pruning or Removal Attachment x

Sept 20 - Oct 17

<u>No.</u>	<u>Street</u>	
115	S. Barry	photo
540	Lawn Terrace	photo maple on west side ROW
612	N. Barry	
419	Warren Ave	hazardous for pedestrians

Maintenance Pruning

322	Prospect	3 photos
507	Revere Road	photos

Attachment 6 a1
507 Revere Road Heritage Tree Recommendation

From: Greg Atria <gregatria@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>
Subject: Historical Tree on our Property

Hi Jerry,

I hope all is well with you.

We have a huge tree on our property in the front that I believe is actually a historical landmark and MMk property. I'm trying to find out which department I can get in touch with to see about pruning, etc

Figured I'd reach out you to see if you had any info.

Thank you!

Attachment 6 a2
507 Revere Road – Large Tree

Tree Pruning Request Revere Road
Greg Atria <gregatria@gmail.com>
Thank you, Beverley.

Also to provide a other perspective here is the tree from the view of the sidewalk (to show the amount on the ROW) and also the branches interfering with some wires (not sure what utilities specifically)

On Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 12:03 PM Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

Hi Jerry,

I went over this morning to look at the tree at 507 Revere Road. Two photos are attached.

It is a beautiful, healthy, and very large black or red oak. There is a little dead wood in the crown that should be cleaned out. There is one large limb overhanging 509 that might benefit from pruning back, but that call should be made by you or another certified

arborist. I don't think the tree is hazardous at all, and it should be pruned with care. This is the kind of tree we want to preserve.

The tree is at least partly in the ROW, as my second photo shows.

It doesn't interfere with the ConEd wires. The crown starts above the highest wires.

Beverley

"Significant Tree" is a defined term in the tree law but the Tree Committee has not yet set up the qualifications or a nominating process. So far as I have been able to find on the Village website, there is no official list of Significant or Heritage trees.

The committee has assembled a small list of candidates but I don't think it's official, either. It certainly is!, I just don't want a large branch falling on my house haha.

Jerry, did any of those times work for you?

Thank you
-Greg Atria
646.499.1238

Beverley Sherrid
Wed 3/16/2022 4:36 PM
Thank you! It's magnificent. Beverley

Greg Atria
Wed 3/16/2022 9:16 AM
Hi Beverley, Address is 507 Revere Rd

Beverley Sherrid
Hello Greg & Jerry,

Thanks for looking out for this tree! What is your address? The Tree Committee is creating a register of Heritage Trees, it sounds as if this one might qualify.

Beverley Sherrid
Co-Chair, VOM Tree Committee

Greg Atria <gregatria@gmail.com>
Hi Jerry, Ok great.

Also I was able to also get in touch with Public Works earlier, and apparently they are going to send someone out this week to see if the tree belongs to the Village and if it does if they need to do any type of pruning?

otherwise that sounds fine, I am available the following
Monday:
9am - 11am, anytime after 2pm

tuesday:
9am-10am, 3pm-4pm

wednesday:
9am-10am, 12-3pm

thursday:

9am-11am
anytime after 3pm

friday:
9am-1pm
anytime after 3pm
-Greg Atria
646.499.1238

Jerry Barberio

Mon 3/14/2022 1:00 PM

Hi Greg, I am the Village ISA Certified Arborist and I have included the Village Tree Committee. I can come out there next week to take a look, but any work on the tree would need a \$25.00 permit and my review. If you decide to employ an independent ISA certified





Attachment 7
VOM Tree Removals

<u>Address</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>VOM</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Columbus Park	1	9/22/2022 next to basketball court
419	Warren Ave	1	9/22/2022 hazardous for pedestrians
	Carroll Ave	1	10/12/2022

Attachment 8
Sept/Oct Permit Applications

<u>Address</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	Wroblewski			9/29/2022	permit not received yet
1037	Oriente Ave			10/4/2022	should be Planning Board
171	Lawn Terrace	x		10/5/2022	EAB
	Mirek Marshall	x		10/13/2022	

**HELP RESTORE A BIRD AND BUTTERFLY
SANCTUARY IN VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FALL INVASIVES CLEARING

PICK YOUR DATE AND SHIFT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

SHIFT 1: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

SHIFT 2: 1:00PM - 4:00PM



**PLEASE BRING
YOUR OWN:**

- SHOVEL
- PITCHFORK
- GLOVES
- PRUNER



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WEAR LONG PANTS, LONG SLEEVE SHIRT, BOOTS



VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK TREE COMMITTEE

FREE FALL TREE WALK

Sunday, October 30, 2022, 1:00pm
(Rain Date: Sunday, November 13)

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:
[VILLAGEOFMAMARONECK.ORG](https://villageofmamaroneck.org)
OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW**

Join the Village of Mamaroneck's Tree Committee for a **FREE** Fall Tree Walk with Jocelyn Kleinman, Education Director of the Shel Drake Environmental Center. Tree walks offer an opportunity to spend time outdoors and enjoy the life-giving benefits of trees while learning about our local urban forest. Participants will explore tree species and learn some in-depth information, fun facts, and tips about caring for trees.

This event is **FREE** and open to the public; but registration is required. Attendees will be informed of the exact meeting location in the Village of Mamaroneck after registering online. We ask attendees to refrain from sharing the meeting location online or with other people. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.



**REGISTER
ONLINE:**

